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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JUNE THEPSOMBANDITH,

Petitioner,

ORDER DENYING IN FORMA
PAUPERIS APPLICATION AND
DISMISSING CASE WITHOUT
PREJUDICE

Respondent.

On November 27, 2007, Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed a Petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. [Doc. No. 1.] On December 3, 2007, the Court dismissed Petitioner's case for failure to pay the \$5.00 filing fee or moved to proceed in forma pauperis. [Doc. No. 3.] Petitioner filed a request to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) on December 3, 2007. [Doc. No. 4.]

The request to proceed in forma pauperis is denied because Petitioner has not provided the Court with sufficient information to determine Petitioner's financial status. A request to proceed in forma pauperis made by a state prisoner must include a certificate from the warden or other appropriate officer showing the amount of money or securities Petitioner has on account

in the institution. Rule 3(a)(2), 28 U.S.C. foll. § 2254; Local Rule 3.2. Petitioner has failed to provide the Court with the required Prison Certificate.

Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** the request to proceed in forma pauperis, and **DISMISSES** the case without prejudice. To have the case reopened, Petitioner must, no later than <u>February 4, 2008</u>, provide the Court with: (1) a copy of this Order together with the \$5.00 filing fee; or (2) a copy of this Order together with adequate proof that Petitioner cannot pay the \$5.00 filing fee. <u>The Clerk of Court is directed to send Petitioner a blank In Forma Pauperis form</u>.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED:

Roger T. Benitez

United States District Judge